

Honorable Elected Officials: Senators and Congressman:

Keep Free Enterprise, as it is a Civil Right!

The American People Have A Right To Free Enterprise, Contrary To the Big Money Changers Billy Tauzin, And Ed Fritz Of The NAB and the Radio Conglomerates

Congressman Walden Against The American Peoples Constitutional Rights He Needs to Resign!!!!!!!!!!!!

Congressman Greg Walden was interviewed by QST magazine (April 1999 pp. 15 and 16). Representative Walden is from Oregon's 2nd District. He had the following comments about radio:

1. Setting up LPFM "could prove very disruptive".
2. He is skeptical about auctions and their impacts on voluntary services and on commercial broadcasting.
3. He thinks that there will be a major restructuring and reform of the FCC this year. He states that there will be a lively debate in Congress on this subject.
4. He wants the FCC to be more aggressive in shutting down pirates. In his view, the FCC should be "more aggressive in pursuing the integrity of the spectrum".

Representative Walden owns 4 commercial broadcast stations. He is also an amateur radio operator.

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NAB is one of the most effective lobbying organizations in Washington, thanks to its direct and Un-Ethical lobbying involvement with lawmakers.

In recent years, NAB has won some significant battles in Congress, notably with the Help Of Congressman Billy Tauzin of Louisiana, and the Contributions of Several Hundred Thousands of Dollars, Known as Soft Money Which is not Recognized by the Federal Ethics Committee:

Attempting to stop the creation of LPFM Broadcast Service, as Proposed By The FCC in NPRM Docket MM-99-25, Consequently to gain Insidiously and By Treachery, to Deprive those Americans who Seek Free Enterprise, and There Constitutional Rights to Own an Operate a LPFM Community Broadcast Service, As Proposed By NPRM by the Federal Communications Commission. =95Passage of the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Telecommunications Reform Act =95Defeating attempts to create new spectrum user fees =95Passage of legislation easing the use of auto lease ads on radio =95Successfully blocking provisions in campaign reform legislation that would mandate free or further discounted time for political candidates =95Defeating attempts to limit the tax deductibility of alcohol advertising =95Preventing new performance rights from being applied to radio stations=

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saving millions in new royalties =95Fighting for the spectrum TV broadcasters will need for the transition to digital television

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As NAB President Edward Fritts told members in 1995: "No one has more sway with Members of Congress than the local broadcaster." HOW TO SHUT DOWN THE SOFT MONEY LAUNDROMAT

Congress must ban soft money now before it overwhelms our campaign finance laws and our political process. Ending the soft money system requires more than changing the labels put on money. It is not acceptable to impose so-called "limits" on soft money which would simply continue to allow soft money to flow into federal campaigns under a new name. The clear lines walling off corporate and union treasury money from political campaigns should not be breached.

Instead, a real ban on soft money must have three components:

=95The national political parties and their congressional campaign committees should be prohibited from soliciting or receiving any money that does not comply with federal law. =95Federal candidates and officeholders should be prohibited from raising, soliciting or directing any money that does not comply with federal law. =95State parties should be required to spend only money permitted under federal law on any federal election activities.

The last point is of critical importance to an effective soft money ban. The soft money system cannot be banned at the national level and left to thrive at the state level, for doing so will simply leave the same abuses in place, just shifted down one level.

If state parties are left free to spend soft money on activities which benefit federal candidates, they will become the repositories of soft money and allow wealthy contributors, as well as corporate and union donors, to continue to give money to influence federal campaigns, and in

return to get credit with the federal candidates they benefit. The effect will be that the soft money system we have today will be substantially left in place.

To answer the worn-out defense of the corrupt system, ending soft money is clearly constitutional. A letter released by the Brennan Center for Justice signed by 126 constitutional scholars stated that "Congress clearly possesses power to close the soft money loophole by restricting the source and size of contributions to political parties, just as it does for contributions to candidates, for use in connection with federal elections." The Supreme Court consistently has upheld contribution limits - to parties and multi-candidate PACs, as well as to candidates - as justified to prevent corruption or the appearance of corruption. Soft money donations clearly meet the Court's test: they are contributions which create corruption and the appearance of corruption.

It is perhaps not possible to address all the problems in the campaign finance system at once, but Common Cause's ongoing investigation has clearly illuminated the core problem of soft money. That problem can be addressed. Soft money can be banned. We know how to do it, and we know it can be done constitutionally. Taking action to end the corrupt soft money system will be a enormous step to restoring public respect and honor for this institution and for our democracy

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